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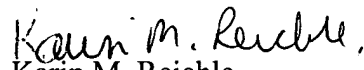
The reply filed on 2-5-04 and 5-21-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 effective 7-30-03. Specifically the claims which were nonelected without traverse, i.e. claims 33, 37-39 and 44, are not labeled with the parenthetical “(Withdrawn)”. Also the amendment to the first paragraph of page 3 of the specification filed 2-5-04 still does not comply because it does not include the amendment made previously to line 1 thereof filed 7-15-03. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karin M. Reichle whose telephone number is (703) 308-2617. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Larry Schwartz can be reached on (703) 308-1412. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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